

Minutes of the Northampton Locality Board Meeting

28th January 2020

Manfield Room, Moulton Community Centre, Sandy Hill, Reedings, Northampton, NN3 7AX

Present

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| Dr Darin Seiger (DS) | GP Chair (Chair of meeting) |
| Jon Atkinson | PM, King Edward Road |
| Mandy Barford | DPM, Park Ave medical Centre |
| Dr Etiowo Ekanem(EE) | Queensview Medical Centre |
| Dr Santiago Dargallo Nieto | GP, County Surgery |
| Dr Mahesh Dias | GP, Maple Access Partnership/Mayfield Surgery |
| Julie Harker | Practice Manager, The Crescent Medical Centre |
| Dr Tom Howseman (TH) | GP, St Lukes Primary Care Centre |
| Margaret Keegan | PM, Queensview Medical Centre |
| Mark Leonard (ML) | PM, Eleanor Cross |
| Dr Catherine Massey (CM) | GP, Abington Park Surgery |
| Sian McLennan | PM, Woodview Medical Centre |
| Dr Dipesh Naik (DN) | GP, Abington Medical Centre |
| Dr Ramesh Nagarajan | Park Ave Medical Centre |
| Pauline Norman | PM, Kingsthorpe Medical Centre |
| Ian O'Connor | PM, Brook Medical Centre |
| Amal Perera | Maple Access Partnership |

In Attendance

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| Jeanette Pidgen(JP) | Locality Manager, Northamptonshire's CCG |
| Malcom Railson | PCN Network Manager, Blue Med |
| Allison Gilbert | Director of Transformation Delivery – Northamptonshire's CCG |
| Jonathan Ireland | LMC |

Apologies

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| Viqar Abbasi | PM, Favell Plus Surgery |
| David Atkinson | Chair of SPEG |
| Alison Cooper | Abington Medical Centre |
| Dr Laila Essayed | GP, The Pines Surgery |
| Pam Law | Chair of NPEG |
| Patrick Morgan | PM, Rillwood Medical Centre |
| Sally-Anne Pike | Danes Camp Medical Centre |
| Sarah Richards | PM, The Pines Surgery |
| Dr Atif Saeed | GP, The Mounts Medical Centre |
| Dr Naomi Caldwell | Clinical Executive Director Primary Care & Localities |

Minute No: Agenda Item

1. Welcome and apologies

DS welcomed members to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted and given as above.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no new declarations of interest relating to items on the Agenda made by those present.

NPTLB18/19 01 3. Minutes of the last meeting NPTLB-19-31

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 2019 were presented and approved as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

NPTLB18/19 03 4. Action Log NPTLB-19-32

Please see attached

5. Collaborative delivery of the Long Term Plan – Alison Gilbert NPTLB-19-33

- DS mentioned that the format of the Locality Board has been spoken about over the last few months to help ensure the meetings are more effective.
- Alison Gilbert (AG) has been in post for 6 weeks, she is a clinical pharmacist by profession.
- AG is accountable to the local authority and the healthcare system providers to drive the system forward to support the changes that need to happen.
- AG's main role is to support and enable the system to change. AG has been reflecting back on the last 6 weeks in regards to what she has seen, not from a Northants perspective but with a fresh pair of eyes.
- AG has identified three key messages:
 - Far too many priorities – too confusing – are we clear on our priorities?
 - We are asking people to change the system on top of their day jobs
 - The whole system governance is not correct, some things are working however, and we can do better at these.
- Question was raised around what has worked around the PCN agenda, and that there is a lack of clarity over the bottom up approach within the PCNs.
- AG highlighted that we need to understand our place, population and understand and develop what is needed in these areas.
- AG mentioned that the clinical voice needs to be connected to the Northampton Healthcare and Care partnership (formally STP).
- AG raised the issue that Clinical Directors (CDs) are currently not connected to the architecture of the healthcare system.
- TH raised concerns over the workforce situation within Primary Care. The CDs within the county are committed and wish to support the development of the workforce.
- AG outlined that the finance directors across the healthcare system are meeting on an informal basis to look at how to support the system. A finance governance structure has been identified to support this as everyone's workforce is important.
- The three agreed areas of focus for the whole healthcare and care system are
 - Frailty
 - Outpatients
 - Super-stranded
- The recognition is around the 'how' we do this and not the 'what'.
- AG outlined that we are good at what we what to change, this lands with the GPs however, there is nothing in the middle to support the 'how'. We need to understand what we need in regards to the right resources. GPs are integral to the 'how'.
- The Partnership Board, which is part of the governance, is moving towards an Integrated Care System (ICS).
- There is needs to be oversight of what is going on in the transformation group and fundamentally, workforce and digitalisation is included.
- CM – asked how will the priorities be set based on the PCNs service specs? AG said that what we need to do is to change to be able to effectively care for people even better. The solution needs to be linked into the whole healthcare system with the architecture enabling the Locality Boards to be at the heart of it for delivery to change for the future – this need to be a

two-way process. DS mentioned that the Locality Board is working its way through, as part of the transition, to become a new format and way of working Locality Board.

6. Strengthening Northampton Locality Board meetings

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Feedback from NGH meeting

CM outlined a meeting that was held with NGH, which was very positive. The meeting highlighted that key clinical and non-clinical staff at NGH were unaware of PCNs, STPs, ICS and were interested to work collaboratively and make direct links with the GPs. Lead names for areas were shared.

Discussions took place around the opportunity and if there was any mileage in starting work on Frailty, COPD and looking at having consultants come out to community settings.

PCN service specs – best way of working together

TH highlighted that stopping primary care staff doing what they do not need to do the most, will help support engagement. A straw poll was taken in regards to who does and does not print of ICE forms for their district nurses. AG said that she is due to meet with Angela Hillary next week and will raise this issue.

DS highlighted that we are looking at developing a provider alliance and having senior officers of the respective organisations attend would help to resolve issues. In addition, by making the Locality Board smaller, would help and support issues to be resolved but people could still attend if they wished. DS proposed that the Locality Board should be running with the CDs as the core, from April 2020.

Proposed that Sandra Mellors; Lucy Wrightman and Chris Pallot are invited to the next meeting.

Agreeing future meeting arrangements

JP asked the meeting on the proposed dates:

28th April – 2-4pm; 12th May (TBC as a clash with CDs meeting); 23rd June and 14th July 2020.

JP to confirm dates with venue and then distribute to the Locality Board.

7. Update from CDs/Federations

NPTLB-19-35

DN shared that GPA were successful for the Spring Bid, which will enable further Social Prescribing Link Workers to be recruited and expanded in Northampton.

8. First Contact Physio

NPTLB-19-36

A brief discussion took place around the funding and opportunities to seek the remaining outstanding funding required for first contact physios. There is an opportunity to work with NHFT to develop a pathway. EE highlighted that this sort of service would be good for the locality footprint, and being based in the community. ML raised a question in regards to who would fund the equipment. It was highlighted that this would be dependent on the grading level of the physio, and it would be unlikely that any equipment would be needed at the level proposed. CM highlighted that this would help to prevent patients going to see a GP when they could see a physio directly first.

9. eConsulting

NPTLB-19-37

It was highlighted from the meeting that this is fully paid for up until 2021, and that it would be wise to ensure that which ever provider you choose, that the contract will cease at the end of the 2021 year.

DS highlighted that Dr Link has been implemented in his Practice and this had reduced demand. CM highlighted that one of her PCN Practices saw an increase in A & E attendances or 'call an ambulance' was the response. It was shared that some practices are offering this as an option. It was highlighted that engage consult cost 30p per patient and Dr Link was 60p per patient.

9. Any Other Business

There was no further business

The next Northampton Locality Board meeting will be held on 25th February 2020 in the Manfield Room, Moulton Community Centre, Sandy Hill, Reedings, and Northampton, NN3 7AX at 12:30 for a 12:45 start to 14:45.